

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
FLORENCE DIVISION

James Strickland,)	C/A No.: 4:08-cv-2332-GRA
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Plaintiff,)	ORDER
)	(Written Opinion)
v.)	
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Dr. Alewine; Dr. Fitzjeral; Dr. Woods;)	
SCDC, and Dr. Babb,)	
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Defendants.)	
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This matter is before the Court for a review of the magistrate's Report and Recommendation filed on August 25, 2008, and made in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and Local Rule 73.02(B)(2)(d), D.S.C. Plaintiff filed this *pro se* action on May 29, 2008 pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. The magistrate recommends dismissing Defendant SCDC as a party without issuance and service of process and also recommends finding the motion for preliminary injunction moot. For the reasons stated herein, the Court adopts the magistrate's Report and Recommendation.

Standard of Review

Plaintiff brings this claim *pro se*. This Court is required to construe *pro se* pleadings liberally. Such pleadings are held to a less stringent standard than those drafted by attorneys. *Gordon v. Leeke*, 574 F.2d 1147, 1151 (4th Cir. 1978). This Court is charged with liberally construing a pleading filed by a *pro se* litigant to allow

for the development of a potentially meritorious claim. *Boag v. MacDougall*, 454 U.S. 364, 365 (1982).

The magistrate makes only a recommendation to the Court. The recommendation has no presumptive weight, and the responsibility to make a final determination remains with the Court. *Matthews v. Weber*, 423 U.S. 261, 270-71 (1976). This Court is charged with making a *de novo* determination of those portions of the Report and Recommendation to which specific objection is made, and this Court may “accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the findings or recommendations made by the magistrate.” 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). This Court may also “receive further evidence or recommit the matter to the magistrate with instructions.” *Id.*

Objections

In order for objections to be considered by a United States District Judge, the objections must be timely filed and must specifically identify the portions of the Report and Recommendation to which the party objects and the basis for the objections. FED. R. CIV. P. 72(b); see *United States v. Schronce*, 727 F.2d 91,94 n.4 (4th Cir. 1984); *Wright v. Collins*, 766 F.2d 841, 845-47 nn.1-3 (4th Cir. 1985). “Courts have . . . held *de novo* review to be unnecessary in . . . situations when a party makes general and conclusory objections that do not direct the court to a specific error in the magistrate’s proposed findings and recommendation.” *Orpiano v. Johnson*, 687 F.2d 44, 47 (4th Cir. 1982). Furthermore, in the absence of specific objections to the Report and Recommendation, this Court is not required to give any explanation for

adopting the recommendation. *Camby v. Davis*, 718 F.2d 198 (4th Cir. 1983). Plaintiff timely filed objections to the Report and Recommendation on September 5, 2008.

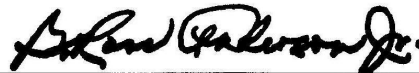
Plaintiff's Objections merely reargue and restate the issues that were set forth in his Complaint. These issues were correctly addressed by the magistrate and this Court will not address the issues a second time. Therefore, the objections lack specificity to trigger *de novo* review and will not be addressed.

After a review of the magistrate's Report and Recommendation and the objections thereto, this Court finds the report is based upon the proper law. Accordingly, the Report and Recommendation is accepted and adopted in its entirety.

Conclusion

IT THEREFORE ORDERED that the defendant SCDC be DISMISSED without issuance and service of process. It is further ordered that the plaintiff's motion for preliminary injunction against Lieber be DISMISSED as moot. The case shall proceed against the remaining defendants.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



G. ROSS ANDERSON, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

September 23, 2008
Anderson, South Carolina

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NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Pursuant to Rules 3 and 4 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, Plaintiff has the right to appeal this Order within thirty (30) days from the date of its entry. Failure to meet this deadline, as modified by Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, **will waive the right to appeal.**